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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Burke Desiree A.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

PENN NATIONAL GAMING INC

[PENN]

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

> (Month/Day/Year) 10/20/2010

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

below) below) V. P. and Chief Accounting Off

825 BERKSHIRE BLVD, SUITE 200

> (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

WYOMISSING, PA 19610

(City)

(Instr. 3)

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security

(State)

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (I) Following (Instr. 4) Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

(A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 1. Title of (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date Conversion

5. Number

6. Date Exercisable and

7. Title and Amount of 8. Price Underlying Securities Deriva

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8	8) A (.	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)		Securi (Instr.
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom Stock Unit	<u>(1)</u>	10/20/2010		A		2,908		(2)	(2)	Common Stock	2,908	\$

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Burke Desiree A. 825 BERKSHIRE BLVD, SUITE 200 WYOMISSING, PA 19610

V. P. and Chief Accounting Off

Signatures

/s/Robert S. Ippolito as attorney-in-fact for Desiree A. Burke

10/22/2010

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Upon vesting, the recipient is entitled to a cash payment for each unit equal to the fair market value on the vesting date of one share of the Company's common stock.
- (2) The Phantom Stock Unit is scheduled to vest as follows: 647 units on October 20, 2011; 646 units on October 20, 2012; 646 units on October 20, 2013; 485 units on October 20, 2014 and 484 units on October 20, 2015

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